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National Pro-Life Women’s Conference
coming to Indianapolis in 2020

Tickets are now on sale for a national Pro-Life Women’s Conference coming to Indianapolis next summer. This is a three day event by women and for women, to proclaim that women's empowerment cannot be attained by the oppression of other human beings. Organizers note, “We are reclaiming the narrative of women's empowerment; we are reclaiming our voice as the grassroots of the pro-life movement. Join us for three days of powerful presentations, fellowship, friendship, and fun that promises to be unrivaled and unforgettable.” See ProlifeWomen.com



Tragic details, continued.

The initial discovery promoted additional investigations which are detailed in the report. At the site of the Fort Wayne abortion clinic where Klopfer operated, investigators found health records and other files in unsecured and unlocked cabinets. The basement level was noted to have “flooded previously, as their were distinct indicators of water damage throughout the basement, extremely prevalent mold, and a strong musty odor.” The report also notes Klopfer had a bedroom in the basement.

In South Bend, investigators also found cluttered conditions, with the reporting noting, “Boxes, garbage and debris were stacked from floor to ceiling in each room, and the building was in complete disarray.” Health records were “intermingled” with “car parts, rotting food, unsterilized used medical equipment...including loose syringes.”

In Gary, investigators found more clutter and a basement that “suffered severe water damage and was infested by rodents.” Health records were also found strewn among garbage in a garage adjacent to the property. “The garage housed multiple vehicles filled with garbage, old car parts, and rodent carcasses, along with various boxes of debris and other personal items.”

Finally, on October 9, 2019, investigators found more aborted babies in the trunk of a Mercedes Benz where “there were five plastic bags and one box that contained 165 medically-preserved fetal remains intermingled with bits of garbage and rodent droppings.”

The full AG’s report can be found at www.irtl.org/AGreport . While it is difficult reading, it is important information to grasp the full scope of the discovery of 2,411 aborted babies.

The report closes with the somber note that the Indiana Office of Attorney General will “ensure that the fetal remains are treated with the appropriate dignity and respect” until arrangements are made for a dignified final disposition according to Indiana law.

“I intend to provide a dignified burial for these remains in accordance with Indiana law so these remains may finally rest in peace.”

Curtis Hill
Indiana Attorney General



Tragic details emerge in new report from Indiana Attorney General’s Office on the discovery of 2,411 aborted babies

A December report by the Office of Indiana Attorney General Curtis Hill is bringing to light more details about the discovery of 2,411 medically-preserved aborted babies on properties owned by the now-deceased Indiana abortion doctor Ulrich Klopfer. Among the revelations in the report is confirmation that, “based on the poor condition of the fetal remains and unreliable nature of accompanying records, it is not possible to make an independent verification of the identities of the individual fetal remains.”

According to the report, Will County (Illinois) Sheriff’s detectives, crime scene investigators, and representatives from the Will County Coroner’s Office initially discovered the aborted babies in a garage next to the Klopfer family home. The 2,246 remains were “found among boxes of personal items, rusting cars, multitudes of soda cans, and other random garbage stacked high to the ceiling in Dr. Klopfer’s garage”. The report continues by noting, “The fetal remains were in various states of decay. The remains were mostly found inside molding boxes and old Styrofoam coolers containing large red medical waste bags... many of the bags had degraded over time and/or suffered damage, resulting in leakage from the individual bags into the outer bag, box, or cooler.”

The individual bags were noted to have various health information written on them, including chart numbers, dates, and in some cases, initials of patients, but in many cases the writing on the bags contained errors, was incomplete, or had eroded from leakage. The records appeared to indicate all of the babies were aborted between 2000 and 2003, “when Dr. Klopfer was only practicing medicine and performing abortions at his three clinics in Indiana.” (continued on page four)



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From the President and CEO

Years ago, when my wife and I moved from the old farm house we raised our kids in, the day of reckoning came when the contents of our barn had to be removed. I wasn't particularly fond of that old barn, mainly because its tired metal roof panels had the ongoing habit of blowing loose when the wind chill dipped below zero. Almost like clockwork, it would happen around two in the morning, with the loose panel banging the night away with a clamor making sleep impossible and foretelling the need for a frigid next-day repair.

But that barn was great for one thing, and that was for storing all those items I just knew I might need one day. Old windows. Old door trim. Tools with broken handles. Stuff that I didn't even know what it was, it just looked like something useful. So I held onto it all because, after all, it was crammed inside a barn where no one else could see.

The day finally arrived when a truck brought one of those large slide-off units you might see at construction sites. When it first arrived, I thought it was way too large for my project. To my surprise, a few hours and a lot of sweat later, I found myself jamming items in just to make it all fit. Even more to my surprise, after it was all hauled away and the barn was empty, I simply realized that I really didn't need all that stuff after all. I didn't even miss it. I just kept it all for years because something compelled me to just hang on.

All of this to say, I get why most of us hang on to stuff we think we might need one day. I don't get why someone would hang onto bags and boxes of aborted babies. I don't want to get it, because even the writing of this column brings a contemplation of a darkness that, like one of the plagues of Exodus, is so deep that it can be felt.

Most news stories covering the newly-released report on details of the 2,411 aborted babies found last fall focused on the inability to identify these kids individually. Sadly, that is true from a forensic perspective. These little ones, who died alone and unknown, will soon share a common, final resting place with thousands of others who have come and gone in this world like a field of fragile morning frost.

But this I know with all my heart: every one of those 2,411 children is known to God by name. Not in the generic sense, not in an impersonal way, but by name.

These kids were never garbage to Him.

Rest in His eternal arms, little ones. You have always been loved.



Seven Indiana congressional members join amicus brief

Seven members of Indiana's congressional delegation are included among the 207 members of congress adding their names to an amicus brief calling for the Supreme Court to uphold a Louisiana law requiring abortion doctors in that state to hold local hospital admitting privileges.

The brief states all signers, "have a special interest in the correct interpretation, application, and enforcement of health and safety standards for elective abortion enacted by the People of the States they represent."

The case before the U.S. Supreme Court is June Medical Services, LLC, et al. v Rebekah Gee, Secretary, Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals.

The Indiana congressional members joining the brief are:

Sen. Mike Braun

Sen. Todd Young

Rep. Jim Baird

Rep. Jim Banks

Rep. Larry Bucshon

Rep. Greg Pence

Rep. Jackie Walorski

"We applaud these members of Indiana's congressional delegation for adding their names in support of the Louisiana law," states Indiana Right to Life President and CEO Mike Fichter. "The court's actions regarding this case are certain to have implications on Indiana's abortion law."

Unplanned's Ashley Bratcher inspires record crowd to speak for life

Ashley Bratcher, lead actress from the film Unplanned, inspired a record crowd of 320 guests at the 2019 Christmas Gala in December. Bratcher shared from her life experiences and the circumstances leading up to her acceptance of the role of former abortion clinic director Abby Johnson in the film. Bratcher also shared how after accepting the role, her mom revealed to her for the first time that she had actually planned to abort Ashley but changed her mind at the last minute. A special thank you to all sponsors, attendees and volunteers!



Ashley Bratcher at the fifth annual Christmas Gala

Special thanks to Nate Crouch Photography in Indianapolis

Over 500 copies of the Unplanned DVD distributed so far in Indiana, including copies to all state representatives and senators



Great news! Since November we have distributed over 500 copies of the Unplanned DVD throughout Indiana, including 150 copies provided individually to each state representative and state senator. We are especially appreciative of a gift from Huntington County Right to Life to help underwrite the distribution to state legislators. If you received your copy of Unplanned as part of our Undaunted year-end giving campaign, you are encouraged to share the DVD with family, friends and colleagues. Watch for more exciting news in 2020 as we work to get copies of Unplanned into the hands of elected officials in Indiana.

BREAKING: New Kentucky Democrat Governor Andy Beshear's administration is inviting Planned Parenthood to apply for a license for a Louisville abortion facility. This will have a strong impact on Southern Indiana if approved. We will keep you posted as this situation develops. Please pray.

